

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 10, 2013 were presented. Warren Norris made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC

John McCane, ECDC director requested support of a Brownfield's Assessment Grant. Mr. McCane would like to form a coalition of County, City and the town of Carthage officials to support this no cost, no match grant. The \$600,000 gift is not for remediation of the land but simply to identify and assess those properties with contamination. Charles Smith moved to table any action pending additional information. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

RMH

Brad Smith, CEO of Rush Memorial Hospital and Karen Meyer, CFO were asked to attend and present the financial overview of Rush Memorial Ambulance Service. Smith provided fiscal reports for the year 2012 and the first quarter of 2013. Mr. Smith stated what RMH ambulance service offered is continuity of service and quality of care and the only way to decrease expenses was to increase volume.

HEALTH

Terri Nigh representing the Health Department distributed the annual Health Report and urged the council to do some thoughtful reading to have an informative view of their workings.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Auditor Mary Ann Beard expressed that she had received a bill from the city for \$21,743.50 for the semi-annual installment of the Animal Control Inter- local Agreement. Beard's concern was that there was only \$30,000 budgeted for the entire year. The council reviewed the contract and then instructed the auditor to pay only the amount budgeted for 2013.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood submitted a copy of the annual Jail Report. The jail inspection is scheduled for May 16th at 10:00a.m. The sheriff has received the resignation of a full time jailer and a part time secretary and is asking permission of the council to fill those positions. Charles Smith moved to allow the new hires and Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There has been a recent issue with the function of the locks at the jail. Sheriff Sherwood has a recommendation to replace the locks and add additional cameras in the cell block for a total of \$12,000. After viewing the jail's budget, Jerry Kent moved to purchase the locks & the cameras from the Cum Cap/Jail Maintenance fund. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton received transfers in the Cum Bridge Fund for bridge inspection (3-303-4-1) as follows:

\$60,000 from 3-302-3-1 Maintenance & Repair. Motion by Warren Norris and seconded by Marvin Hedrick.

\$20,000 from 3-302-2-1 Supplies. Motion by Kevin Spilman and seconded by Charles Smith.

\$20,000 from 3-302-2-2 Concrete. Motion by Janet Kile and seconded by Jerry Kent.

The Auditor presented a transfer of \$700 from Courthouse Services (1-13-3-9) to Courthouse Supplies (1-13-2-3). Warren Norris moved to approve and Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Gerald Mohr reported that the personnel committee had received information that the only employee in question to be classified as non-exempt is Randy Herbert.

Janet Kile will work with the ECDC in formulating a model for Tax Abatement evaluation.

The state called meeting of the County Council Association is Saturday, June 29th in Plainfield.

Marvin Hedrick moved to adjourn. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor